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## Via ECF

Hon. P. Kevin Castel, United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: USA v. Eugene Austin 23-Cr-508 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

Bail is modified on a one-time basis to permit defendant Eugene Austin to travel from his home in Suffolk County to his lawyer's office in Manhattan on April 30, 2024 for a multi-hour meeting with his attorney and return to his home in Suffolk County immediately thereafter.

SO ORDERED. 4/29/2024

> P. Kevin Castel United States District Judge

I represent Mr. Austin in the above matter. I am submitting this letter motion as a request for a temporary modification of Mr. Austin's bail conditions to allow him to meet with me and co-counsel tomorrow at my office. The reason for this request on short notice is as follows.

On Wednesday, April 22, Mr. Austin advised his Pre-Trial Officer, Amanda Sanchez, of our planned meeting via e-mail. Mr. Austin copied me on the email. This morning, having not heard from Officer Sanchez, Mr. Austin sent another email advising Officer Sanchez of the meeting. I also confirmed via email that we were meeting tomorrow. 3 minutes after I sent my email, Officer Sanchez e-mailed Mr. Austin, denying his now 5-day old request. I was not copied on that email, nor has Officer Sanchez responded to my email as of the time of this letter.

My co-counsel and I have set aside two hours for our planned client conference. Officer Sanchez was advised of the meeting 5 days ago, and only denied the request mere minutes after I confirmed it. Accordingly, I am requesting that Mr.

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Austin be given permission to attend our planned client meeting tomorrow at my office, with sufficient time for round-trip travel from his home in Suffolk County. He will comply with Officer Sanchez's prior directives regarding travel time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: AUSA Andrew Chan (via ECF)